

**Docket No.**  
**A-7641**

Serial No.  
09/966,750

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Examiner  
**Philip C. Tucker**

Group Art Unit  
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 8, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month      ☐ Two months      ☐ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: **April 8, 2004**      until: **May 8, 2004**  
Date Date

**A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:**

☐ is enclosed.

☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

|   | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE      | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS                                  | 58 -                                | 20 =                        | 38                             | x \$9.00  | \$342.00          |
| INDEP. CLAIMS                                 | 5 -                                 | 4 =                         | 1                              | x \$43.00 | \$43.00           |
| FEE FOR AMENDMENT                             |                                     |                             |                                |           | \$385.00          |
| FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME                     |                                     |                             |                                |           | \$55.00           |
| TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME |                                     |                             |                                |           | \$440.00          |

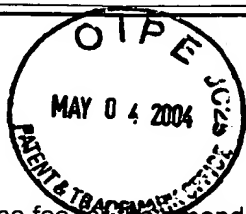
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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$440.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**
  - ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
  - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**

  
Signature

Dated: May 3, 2004

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on \_\_\_\_\_ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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